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REPEAT CRIMINAL OFFENDER SENTENCED TO OVER 8 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

Illegal alien had extensive and violent criminal history

TUCSON, Ariz. –Efren Mendoza-Sandoval, 36, an illegal alien from Mexico, was sentenced here yesterday by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to over 8 years (104 months) in federal prison. Mendoza-Sandoval was found guilty by a federal jury on June 13, 2007, on charges of Illegal Reentry After Deportation.

Mendoza-Sandoval was apprehended by agents of U.S. Border Patrol on July 30, 2006 in an open field near Bisbee, Ariz. A records check revealed that Mendoza-Sandoval had been deported in July 2005 and did not have approval to re-enter the U.S. The records check also revealed that Mendoza-Sandoval's prior criminal history was extensive, having previously been convicted of illegal re-entry after deportation in the Southern District of Nevada on June 7, 2000, for which he was sentenced to over six years (80 months) in prison. Additionally, Mendoza-Sandoval was previously convicted of Battery on a Person on School Property (as reduced from Sodomy With Person Under 14 Years-old in Fresno, Calif.), on April 22, 1997, for which he was sentenced to three years in prison. Mendoza-Sandoval had also previously been convicted of Assault by Force in Fresno, Calif., on January 11, 1994, for which he was sentenced to four years in prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol in Tucson. The prosecution was handled by Aaron D. Wegner, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Anthony Maingot, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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